

GRANT GRIZZLY NEWS



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MNO GRANT PRINCIPAL TO RETIRE

By: Bryna Walker
Mno Grant Elementary

This year on June 24th, on a Wednesday our dear and close principal Mrs. Snyder Puder is retiring. She says she would like to stay but earlier this year and last year she had some sick brother and sisters but they lived in different states. She says that if she could still work half time as a principal and was able to still visit her family if something where to happen to them again that that

would be great. But being a principal you are not allowed to work half time because it is such a big job. The principal is picked (See Principal Page 3)

Mrs. Snyder Puder says she will miss everyone and she wishes she could still work as a principal, but she would also like to see her family.

When Mrs. Snyder Puder retires she says she would like to keep up with charity. The charity is for schools. Also when Mrs. Snyder Puder retires she says she would like to visit Asia, South America, and Africa. If you are wonder-

ing, no a new principal hasn't been picked yet.



Mrs. Snyder-Puder and one of her cubs.

SALMANELLA

By: SK, TV, MR, AR, TT, MD

Los Medanos Elementary

WARNING! There's a disease going around called salmonella. It was discovered by a scientist named Dr. Daniel E. Salmon. The disease of salmonella is a type of bacteria, which is found in peanut butter, spinach, tomatoes, uncooked chicken, eggs, and chilies.

Salmonella was found in California, Idaho, and Minnesota school food. From all the states 575 people were sick but only 8 died. There was a recall of 1,300 products but the Georgia Company wasn't responsible.

(See Salmanella Page 5)

ST. PATRICK WASN'T REALLY IRISH?

By: Ruby Rodriguez & Giselle Ramirez

EM Downer Elementary

Everyone knows that St. Patrick's Day was Mar. 17 and that everyone wears green. But did you know that there really was a St. Patrick? In the first place St. Patrick wasn't really Irish. He was actually British. He was born near the end of the fourth century, and he died on March 17, 460

A.D. This is probably why we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Mar. 17. When he was about 16, Irish raiders kidnapped Patrick - he hadn't become "St. Patrick" yet - and brought him to Ireland. He spent six years in captivity where he had to work as a shepherd. During this time he was mostly away from people, and he felt lonely and afraid. After six years, he escaped Ireland by walking

200 miles to the Irish coast.

Soon after he returned to England, he had a dream in which he believed an angel was telling him return to Ireland as a missionary. He trained for 15 years to become a priest. Then he went back to Ireland to minister to the Irish people.

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Local News

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BART CRASH

By: MS, EV, AH, RP, CG,
KT

Los Medanos Elementary

What just happened to the Bart?! The two BART trains just crashed in West Oakland on February 3, 2009 at 8:45 A.M.. Somehow, the BART trains are usually operated on a computer, but one of the trains was operated manually, while the other was operated

by computer. Tough luck for the BART train, but BART's luck got worse! The manually operated train passed a wait point at Lake Merritt. Soon, the other train came and crashed inside the Trans-Bay tube. Then, the two front trains went off the railroad tracks. Luckily no one died, but about 13 people had minor injuries. 300 people evacuated by foot on both of

the trains. All 13 injured people were on medical risers. When the driver realized the problem, he stepped on the brake, but they still crashed! The two trains were trying to get on the same track. The track was shaped as a Y, and the crash is now under investigation. The luck had returned and the BART crash is cleared.

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE:

Contra Costa ICN is at:
www.contracostaicn.pbworks.com

OUR DROUGHTS

By: Rachel Marchuk
Walt Disney Elementary

Droughts happen all over the world. There are so many ways that they start. That's why they happen a lot of the time. Even though there are many ways droughts can start, if you try hard enough you can stop droughts from happening in your town. Droughts usually start when there is low rainfall. Even though we have had some of rainfall we are still in a drought.

This isn't the first time Contra Costa has been in a drought. Once when my teacher was in school there was a big drought just like the one we are in now. Only it didn't last as long as this one. Droughts happen all over the world so just because we have a big drought on our hands, we can still try hard to get out of it. So don't sweat it, has to end some day!

Like I said before, droughts happen all over the world. That means that they

can start in different ways. Some droughts can start from people being dumb and wasting water. Just because we have a lot doesn't mean waste it! Of course they can also start from lack of rainfall. So when your town is having lack of rainfall, take notice and start saving water right away because you want this drought in Contra Costa to end some day, right? (See Water Page 3)

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LITERATURE NEWS: A TEENAGE DEATH

By: HH, MK

Iron Horse Middle School

On March 10, 2009, a drunken teenager caused the death of a young Illinois local. Brent Bishop, 16, explained he was trying to commit suicide; he ended up killing Lea Zamora, 18. His alcohol level was .11 and the police confiscated his license.

"I only wanted to hurt my-

self. Not her. She had no reason to die," Bishop confessed. After his trial, Bishop met with the victim's mother. When they met, Mrs. Zamora reasoned, "Lea is gone. I thought I had nothing I could ask you that would help. This is my only request. That you make four whirligigs and put them in the four corners of the United States. That's what I ask."

This is only one drunk driving

incident. In 2003, 60 percent of teenage deaths were a result of driving under the influence and 17,013 deaths of all ages were caused by alcohol. However, these numbers are improving. In 2007, the total deaths caused by alcohol dropped 10 percent. Teen drinking has influenced thousands and drunk driving has ruined many people.

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PRINCIPAL (FROM PAGE 1)



when the school advertises for a new principal. Then they look at all the applica-

tions and pick four or five, usually five candidates that they like the most. Then

they go through them again and pick two or three to send to Dr. Sims, the district superintendent. Then Dr. Sims picks two and sends them to the school board and the school board goes over everything and picks who they think would be the best principal for the job. That is how a new principal is picked.

2006 CALIFORNIA STATE STATISTICS

- 4,195 people in California were killed in traffic crashes. 1,779 of these fatalities were a result of alcohol.

- There were 31,099 alcohol-involved injuries in

2006 in California.

- There were a total of 197,248 DUI arrests.

- Males comprised 81.9 percent of all DUI arrests.

- During Fiscal Year 2007-2008, approximately 151,000 people enrolled in a California

licensed DUI program.

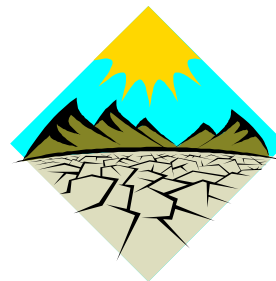
WATER (FROM PAGE 2)

When Contra Costa is having a drought you want to stop it right away, right? So do what you can to help. A few ways you can help is by taking short showers, turn of the water when you are brushing your teeth, and water your lawn at night so the sun doesn't evaporate the water you thought you were giving your plants. Do what you can to help Contra Costa's drought and it

will be over before the Contra Costa area knows it. Water is important to us and to our earth. We need it every day!!!!

Saving water important and without it we would die! So saving it is important, too. Droughts happen all over the world so they can't be stopped. Even though they can't be totally stopped, we can stop them in

Contra Costa. That is what matters!!!



World News

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BOMBING IN SRI LANKA

By: J'Ley Fagalar

Mno Grant School

On Tuesday March 10, 2009 a suicide bomber killed 14 in Sri Lanka. That's right.the suicide bomber killed 14 Sri Lanka's and injured 46 of them. Also a government minister, according to official reporters. It seemed like that Suicide Bomber killed those people, to show that they still have the ability of carrying them out, attacks despite the loss of almost all the territory they had once controlled in the northern and eastern part of Sri Lanka.

One person, named Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, said that when the bomb hit, his clothes were covered in blood and started running. Later on he realized that he wasn't hurt it was blood from someone else. However, the bomb hit 6 government ministers who were attending a celebration of a Muslim holy day in the town of Akuressa.

A group said that United Nations had documented more than 2,300 civilian deaths and at least 6,500 injuries since January. Also, more than 500

children have been killed and 1,400 injured.

On Sunday, the chief doctor in area said that more than 100 sick and wounded people were arriving at the hospital each day, with few medications and supplies which with to treat them. However, the doctor, T. Satyamurthy said that people need surgery, but without anesthetics how many can we operate? On the other hand, he also says we have no antibiotics. . . .and many are dying.

GLOBAL STATISTICS

1. China	1,336,966,533
2. India	1,162,984,516
3. USA	306,044,358
4. Indonesia	239,821,428
5. Brazil	198,337,519
World	6,771,310,093

THE FEMALE ROBOT

By: Luke McCarthy

Walt Disney Elementary

There is a walking talking robot coming to Japan's catwalk! This "Cybernetic Human" is wowing everybody who hears about it. Except there is a slight problem, the robot hasn't cleared the safety standards yet so there is a chance it will not model with humans. The 158 centimeter tall robot is worth \$200,000. Developers say

that if the robot cannot model, the robot will be used in amusement parks to perform simulations of human movement.

The HRP-4C design used in the robot is giving Japan bragging rights because they are more advanced than everyone else. The outer body parts are bright silver and black making the robot look like a Stormtrooper from Star Wars. Automaker

Honda has also made a robot but it is not disguised as a human. The robot Japan made runs on 30 motors so it can walk and run. Also the robot has 8 motors in its face so it can make facial expressions such as anger, being surprised, and happiness. (See Robot Page 5)

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TIME FOR HIGH SPEED

By: KL

Iron Horse Middle School

In 2008 when we voted and elected Barack Obama President we also voted that we wanted to put aside 8 billion dollars to build a high speed train in CA. The train is supposed to help cut

down on traffic, cut down on pollution, keep the freeways safer, make transportation cheaper and speed up travel times. The locations that the train will go through cities between Sacramento and Irvine and also the cities between San Francisco and San Diego.. A one

way trip from San Francisco to Los Angeles would take about



2hours and 40 minutes, and cost around \$55. For flying to Los Angeles it would cost over twice that much. The trains, if we can get started working on them fast enough, could supply jobs to those who got let out of work.

SALMANELLA (FROM PAGE 1)

Sometimes salmonella can be spread by reptiles especially to infants, younger children, and elderly people. It causes paratyphoid fever, typhoid fever, and food borne illness salmonellosis. If you have diarrhea, fever, nausea, abdominal cramps and/or vomiting, you might have salmonella.



ROBOT (FROM PAGE 4)

Amazing everyone in a demonstration the robot walked around blinking, and said "Hello everyone" while its mouth moved. Except the robot does not wear any clothes (ewes!) but it has body armor. The demand for these robots are growing and making customers upset.

Scientists are trying to make as much robots as they can but they can't because they need an okay from the government to make them.

The female robot can amazingly care for the sick and elderly citizens. "We want this market to grow as an industry," said Yoshihiro Kaga, one of the developers.

People who hear about the robot send angry emails about how they make it. Overall this robot is the most advanced tool the world has ever seen. This is a gift from Japan because now all of us can make them.

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People In the News

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NATIONAL HERO BRINGS PRIDE TO DANVILLE

By: Christina Smith
SRVHS

It is every passenger and pilot's nightmare—mere minutes into a flight, the plane still in the throes of take off, the plane experiences engine failure and loses power. Any rational person would be expected to panic. Chelsey Sullenberger, or "Sully" as citizens have christened him, managed to stay calm and pull off a landing worthy of a Hollywood movie.

Previously an Air Force Fighter Pilot, Sullenberger has always expressed an interest in airline safety, speaking internationally about the topic. Many feel that there was no better pilot to handle the extremely dangerous land-

ing than Sullenberger. The potential tragedy struck on Thursday, January 15th, right after Flight 1549 had taken off. Still under investigation, discoveries have shown that both engines lost power after hitting a flock of birds. Passengers are reported to have heard sickening and ominous thumping noises and were immediately told by Sullenberger to brace themselves for impact. Faced with a life or death situation, Sullenberger managed to steer the previously bound Charlotte, NC flight away from a disastrous crash in northern Manhattan and landed in the Hudson River. But the danger did not end there. The cabin of the plane was rapidly filling with water, the plane itself beginning to sink in the



frigid Hudson. Flight attendants managed to get all one hundred and fifty passengers out of the cabin and onto the wings of the plane, Sullenberger himself walking the length of the cabin twice to ensure no one had been left inside. (See Pilot Page 7)

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

BY: GA, JB, ML, AL, IJ LOS MEDANOS ELEMENTARY

The 2008 Presidential Campaign made history in the United States. Barack Obama and John McCain ended up being the two people for running for President.

BARACK OBAMA

Barack Obama was born on August 4, 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii. He has two parents from two different cultures. He has an American mother and a Kenyan father. But his parents divorced, when he was just two-years-old. When they divorced, his father returned to Kenya. So, Obama lived in Indonesia with his mother and stepfather for part of his child-

hood. When he was older, he graduated from Columbia University. Then he attended Harvard Law School. After law school, he worked as a community organizer and a civil rights lawyer in Chicago. He also taught at the University of Chicago Law School as a senior lecturer specializing in constitutional law.

JOHN MCCAIN

John McCain was born on the 29th of August in U.S. 1936 in Panama Canal Zone. He graduated from the U.S.

Naval Academy in 1958. When he left the Navy in 1981, he was elected as a U.S. Senator in 1986. He ran for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000, but was defeated by George W. Bush. McCain ran again for a republican nomination in 2008, this time he won the nomination at the GOP convention. (See Candidates Page 70)

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS TOP TEN

Ask.com's most popular celebrity (general) searches

1. Jonas Brothers
2. Miley Cyrus
3. Angelina Jolie
4. Madonna
5. Vanessa Hudgens
6. Selena Gomez
7. Zac Effron
8. Jennifer Aniston
9. Jamie Lynn Spears
10. Victoria Beckham

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CHRIS BROWN AND RIHANNA FIGHT

By: Gerry Silva

Mno Grant Elementary

R&B Singers Chris and Rihanna got in a big situation about a harassment attack. They had 2 fights 1 in a car and another in Rihannas house. This happened on February 8th. Chris had to pay a huge fine and finally got

out of jail. Rihanna made a song about them breaking up and so did Chris. They still love each other and they are having a secret wedding no one knows when its happening because it's a secret, I'm not sure if there parents know. The incident has had a negative impact on Chris's



CANDIDATES (FROM PAGE 6)

The Campaign and Making History

Barack Obama made history in June 2008. He defeated Hillary Clinton and became the Democratic Candidate for President. When the evening was over, Barack Obama had beaten John McCain and became President of the United States. He had to travel around the world to make speeches and earn people's votes. It took a lot of work, but it finally paid off. He became the first African-American president. John McCain said that being the Republican nominee for presidential election was one of the great honors of his life and an experience he would never forget. He wanted us to



know that he does intend to run for re-election to the United States Senate. And of course Barack Obama feels great being the President of America. He must feel special because he is the first African-American president. In conclusion, the people have selected their president.

PILOT (FROM PAGE 6)

Commercial fairies that offer tours of the Hudson were the first at the scene, followed closely by rescue crews and divers. All one hundred and fifty passengers and five crew members were rescued from the lethal conditions of the river, with a water temperature of thirty six degrees Fahrenheit and an air temperature barely reaching twenty degrees Fahrenheit. There were some minor injuries, but everyone lived to tell the extraordinary tale of a man who rescued a catastrophic situation.

On Saturday, January 24th, Danville honored its town and national hero with a parade and ceremony downtown. There the mayor of Danville congratulated Sullenberger and his wife introduced him with a teary and heartfelt introduction. More than three thousand people showed up in support of a truly extraordinary man, a man whose courage turned a tragedy into a miracle at a time when America, and Danville, could use one the most.

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Science Today

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GLOBAL WARMING

By: MD, SK, JC, AC,
CD, DC, VB

Los Medanos Elementary

Have you thought about what might happen to you once your house is under water? Well scientists have said that a flood might happen due to global warming. Global warming is the suns heat, over heating the earth. This is melting the ice in the Arctic, and the world. Scientists announced that in June, 2006 because of the ice melting there were "high levels of water." The Earth is the warmest it has been in the past 2,000 years. Scientists have said that it will be even warmer in the future.

This is caused by greenhouse gasses and humans polluting the world that we live in. Greenhouse gasses are being produced and causing heat to destroy the ozone layer, which is making hurtfull sun rays to enter the Earth. That might cause more cancer, and more extinction of animals all over the world. This is disturbing the ecosystem, and with out the animals we will die of hunger. Also it is becoming very clear that humans are the cause of global warming, by releasing chemicals from factories and pollution from cars.

Little by little ice all around the world is melting everyday. If the ice melted the water on Earth would rise and half the

earth would flood. There are 5,773,000 cubic of ice



(Photo Courtesy of save2survive.com/blog/)

caps, glaciers, and permanent snow. (See Warming Page 9)

THE TEN MOST COMMON ELEMENTS IN OUR GALAXY MEASURED BY MASS, SPECTROSCOPICALLY AND STARTING WITH THE MOST COMMON ELEMENT

1. Hydrogen - 739,000 Parts per million by mass
2. Helium - 240,000 Parts per million by mass
3. Oxygen - 10,700 Parts per million by mass
4. Carbon - 4,600 Parts per million by mass
5. Neon - 1,340 Parts per million by mass
6. Iron - 1,090 Parts per million by mass
7. Nitrogen - 970 Parts per million by mass
8. Silicon - 650 Parts per million by mass
9. Magnesium - 580 Parts per million by mass
10. Sulfur - 440 Parts per million by mass

4TH GRADE SCIENCE

By: Rosie Pinones
EM Downer Elementary
Science has many different things you can learn about. Earth Science is the study of the Earth. In Life Science there are food chains and different kinds of animals so it's the study of life. In physi-

cal science we learn about laws of matter, energy, and the forces of nature.

In 4th grade, students learn Earth Science by studying rocks. There are three types of rocks: igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic.

In Life Science, 4th graders learn about the study of living organisms and their interaction with each other and their environment. Electricity, magnetism, and electromagnetism are what 4th graders learn about in Physical Science.

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INTERNET SAFETY FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

By: Cierra Pierce

Grant Elementary

The 4th grade & 5th grade student are learning about Internet safety. Say when you're on your chatting on the computer and you are being mean to someone they could be there. That is safety for 4th & 5th graders. The standards are identified and use input [mouse, keyboard] and output [monitor, printer] devices to operate computer systems. Understand and used

basic keyboard [return, delete, shift, space bar] and mouse function [point, click, drag]. Log onto a network and use icons to launch and operate software and CD-ROM applications. Understand and apply basic file management concepts such as opening, saving, printer files. Use individual account names and passwords to log onto a websites.

I as a fourth grader think

Internet safety is important because this one girl who was talking on MySpace and this another girl was pretending to be a boy. That girl hurt that girls feeling and killed her self. Also if you were talking mean about someone they could be there and you wouldn't know it.



ALIEN INVASION

By: AK, JK, KC

Iron Horse Middle School

There have been numerous Alien sightings in San Ramon. Aliens have been blowing up Toys r Us's because they are making fun of them with their new alien toys. The Men in Black are currently working on this

case. They have bought out "the big guns". So far they have killed 999,999,999,900,999 aliens. If you see any aliens please call 911 or the Men in Black. To contact the MIB call 1-235-456-7890

WARMING (FROM PAGE 8)

When temperature rises in the Arctic Circle, it could decrease the population of the creatures. The creatures cannot survive in extremely high temperature. This probably could happen to us. Plants could also be extinct. Global warming is making the world's climate to change. Certain plants can survive without water for a long period of time. Places like the desert can contain plants like

that. If it rained in the desert the plants could die.

Sunlight is reflected into space and cools Earth. If the ice melted, the only reflector on Earth would be the ocean. Darker colors take in sunlight and warms Earth even more

There are ways to slowly stop global warming.

You can use these ideas:

- 1: Use fabric bags when you go grocery shopping. Plastic bags need factories to make.
- 2: Plant flowers around your house for clean oxygen.
- 3: Drive less for less pollution.

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Editorial

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HEALTHY FOOD IN SCHOOLS?

By: Natalie Miller
Grant Elementary

More than 96% of high schools have vending machines, and 91% of them sell some unhealthy options, in contrast only 17% of elementary schools have vending machines on campus (scoring the food environments in 395 schools in 38 states). In Middle schools and high schools, more unhealthy choices are made. Too many vending machines are being installed, and some of the students aren't getting the proper exercise in the daily life outside of school. Are schools serving unhealthy foods

for kids? As I've heard most parents are astonished at this fascinating news. I don't agree with most of the unhealthy foods choices and some of the students don't even realize what's going into their own bodies! About 55% of schools examined have an agreement with an unhealthy beverage company that allows the beverage company to provide sodas and other unhealthy beverages in the school. Students that are in high school have to make the right choices in healthy and unhealthy foods because once they finish high school they become adults. If these students

leave High school unhealthy then, who knows, maybe they might live they whole life unhealthy. It's the kid's choice. Kid's unhealthy choices can raise their risk of getting Diabetes. Not all schools serve unhealthy foods. And even if your school serves unhealthy foods you can get your daily dose of exercise and make sure you're staying healthy. The more vegetables and fruits you eat at an early age the healthier you'll be when you grow up. If you don't eat healthy enough, that might also include your risk in cancer.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Mno Grant Elementary was opened in Antioch, California in July 1997.*
- *The school was named after Mr. Mno Grant who was a principal in Antioch for 31 years.*

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RUMOR HAS IT

By: Sarah Kellner
Liberty High School

Gossip on Liberty campus has become more than just the "norm," but the new way of communication between students. Phone calls have been taken over by text messaging.

"A lot of people take what someone says way different than it was actually meant to be", stated Veronica Rosa, senior. Text messaging is just one of the many ways that words are misinterpreted when not spoken directly. Many students believe that the leading cause of drama on campus is due to the abundant amount of gossip.

"I hear gossip 4-5 times each period," stated Hanna Tague, senior.

A large percentage of students at Liberty agreed that women are more open with "girl talk" than men. Veronica Rosa, senior stated: "I think girls talk about other girls because they are pointing out their own insecurities and are just uncomfortable with talking about themselves." "Most men," Jeremy Orkes, senior, adds, "usually are not as vocal as most girls in public, but they do talk about other people and materialistic things as well."

Gossip has many different faces and

names - such as "dirt," "locker room talk," "girl talk," and "trash talking." The point is, behind the label of the act, the words spoken by a person can equally affect another's self esteem or confidence level. "It hurts to know that I'm a main priority in a discussion when the subject is no one's business but my own," stated Kayla Smith, senior. Many people's feelings can be hurt by someone else's words that have traveled "through the grape vine." What is sometimes over looked, involving gossip, is that many subjects can be altered by another person's perspective. (See Rumors page 11)

THE WAVE VS. THE RIPSTICK—YOU DECIDE

By: Bailey Acosta & Thomas Solis
E.M. Downer Elementary School

Some of us have Ripstiks and some of us have the Wave. But which one of these is really better? That might depend on your perspective.

The Wave would be better for the people who like something different or something new. First, on the Wave

you can switch the wheels and you can also change the design on top. Also, you can buy a custom case for it and you can also buy them in different sizes.

The Ripstik may be better if you don't want to spend as much because it costs less.

They are similar because they both are two-wheeled skateboards. The Ripstik



stik has a deluxe type, but the Wave does not have one.

comes only in one size. It also does not have any designs on it. You can't change the wheels either. The Ripstik comes in red, blue, green, and pink. The Rip-

GOOGLE VIRUS

BY: KJ, JM, MG, RA

Do you use the internet? A lot of people are getting mad about the Google virus because the virus is messing up their computers. People are afraid that the virus might wreck their computers. People are upset because the virus is stopping them from completing their work. If you go to google for a long time, your memory might get lost.

One person was heard saying, "I hate Google because I need to do my project. It is slow and may hurt my computer. Another person told me, "I am happy because my friend is a game freak and now he won't be able to play them anymore. He might play with me now." Some agree that Google is a problem and others don't have any problems. Some are happy that they can't use Google and some are sad. Everyone hates the virus.



I personally think that the Google virus is awful. The actual problem is that the virus redirects, sends, your computer to a different website. Google is aware of the problem and many virus scans are available to help us with our Google virus problem. Google is a good search engine. I love Google. Hurry and get fixed!

RUMORS (FROM PAGE 10)

When over-hearing gossip, someone's impression on a person can be changed by what they are hearing. "It makes people seem like their lives are boring enough to have to fill their time with someone else's life," stated Stephanie Anderson, junior.

Now with the new easily accessible technologies, "gossip has been taken to the next generation," added Anderson. Myspace, Facebook, and text messaging has started to dominate daily conversation; this generation seems to have thrown away intelligent conversation for the latest gossip. Why keep gossip in the picture? Veronica Rosa stated, "Life would be less interesting without it." On the contrary, Anderson stated, "If we didn't have gossip in our lives, people would have higher self esteem, and less feelings would be hurt."

If gossip proceeds to increase, conversation will diminish into oblivion.

"THIS GENERATION SEEMS TO HAVE THROWN AWAY INTELLIGENT CONVERSATION FOR THE LATEST GOSSIP."